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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA ON DRAFT CONFERENCE STATEMENT
FOR IRAQ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS

REF: A. (A) STATE 112917

[1](#)B. (B) VIENNA 1886 AND PREVIOUS

[1](#)C. (C) STATE 111894

Classified By: Economic-Political Counselor Gregory E. Phillips. Reaso
ns: 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (SBU) EconPolCouns delivered ref (a) demarche on June 17
to Ralph Scheide, the Austrian Foreign Ministry's assistant
secretary-level Director for the Middle East and Africa.

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[1](#)2. (C) Scheide took note of the U.S. position that the Iraq
conference statement should include the phrase, "including by
the EU and its member states, the NATO Training Mission in
Iraq, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates." He said he
understood this would be the subject of discussion on June
17, and he would be present at that meeting. He said that
Austria, a non-NATO country, would not be in the position of
demandeur for the inclusion of a reference to NATO. However,
Austria would not object to such a reference, and would join
a consensus in favor of including this language if this
emerged from the meeting.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Septel reports Scheide's description of Austria's
role at the conference, especially as regards ref (c)
suggestions for tangible support.
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